responding to the Office Action is May 7, 2000, and thus,
this Response is timely filed.

Amendment

Please amend the above-identified application, as
follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 10, 18, 30, 38, 47 and 50, as
follows:

1 10. (Once Amended) A method of providing state
2 information, said method comprising:

3 determining state information to be provided to at
4 least one of a client application (client) and a server
5 application (server); and

6 using an intermediary application, that is
7 disposed to receive transmissions exchanged between
8 said client and said server, to provide said state
9 information to said at least one of said client and
10 said server.

1 18. (Once Amended) A method of electronic shopping,
2 said method comprising:

3 selecting, by a purchaser, a plurality of items to
4 be purchased electronically from a plurality of

5   vendors, said plurality of vendors being represented by

6   a plurality of web sites; and

7   purchasing said plurality of items on-line via a

8   single check out, wherein an indication of said

9   plurality of items to be purchased need not be moved,

10   by said purchaser, between said plurality of vendors.

1   30. (Once Amended) A system of providing state

2   information, said system comprising:

3   means for determining state information to be

4   provided to at least one of a client application

5   (client) and a server application (server); and

6   an intermediary application, that is disposed to

7   receive transmissions exchanged between said client and

8   said server, adapted to provide said state information

9   to said at least one of said client and said server.

1   38. (Once Amended) A system of electronic shopping,

2   said system comprising:

3   means for selecting, by a purchaser, a plurality

4   of items to be purchased electronically from a

5   plurality of vendors, said plurality of vendors being

6   represented by a plurality of web sites; and

7   means for purchasing said plurality of items on-

8   line via a single check out, wherein an indication of

9   said plurality of items to be purchased need not be

10   moved, by said purchaser, between said plurality of

11   vendors.

1   47. (Once Amended)   An article of manufacture,
2 comprising:

3   at least one computer useable medium having
4   computer readable program code means embodied therein
5   for causing the providing of state information, the
6   computer readable program code means in said article of
7   manufacture comprising:

8   computer readable program code means for
9   causing a computer to determine state information
10   to be provided to at least one of a client
11   application (client) and a server application
12   (server); and

13   computer readable program code means for
14   causing a computer to use an intermediary
15   application, that is disposed to receive
16   transmissions exchanged between said client and
17   said server, to provide said state information to
18   said at least one of said client and said server.

1   50. (Once Amended)   At least one program storage device
2 readable by a machine, tangibly embodying at least one
3 program of instructions executable by the machine to perform
4 a method of electronic shopping, said method comprising:

5   selecting, by a purchaser, a plurality of items to
6   be purchased electronically from a plurality of
7   vendors, said plurality of vendors being represented by
8   a plurality of web sites; and